

Remarks:

Status of Claims

Claims 1-7 and 23-30 were previously pending. Claims 1, 3, 5, 23, 24 and 26 are amended herein with claims 4, 8-21, and 27 being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 1-3, 5-7, 23-26, and 28-30 remain pending with claims 1 and 24 being independent.

Office Action

In the January 25, 2008, Office Action, the Examiner rejected all pending claims as being obvious over various combinations of Schoenfish (U.S. 6,370,037), Sturt (U.S. 2003/0184111), and a MEADE telescope catalog,

A Retractable Faceplate

The independent claims have been amended herein to recite that the mounting assembly includes “a docking station” for docking with the navigation device and a “retractable cover” for covering the docking station when the navigation device is not docked:

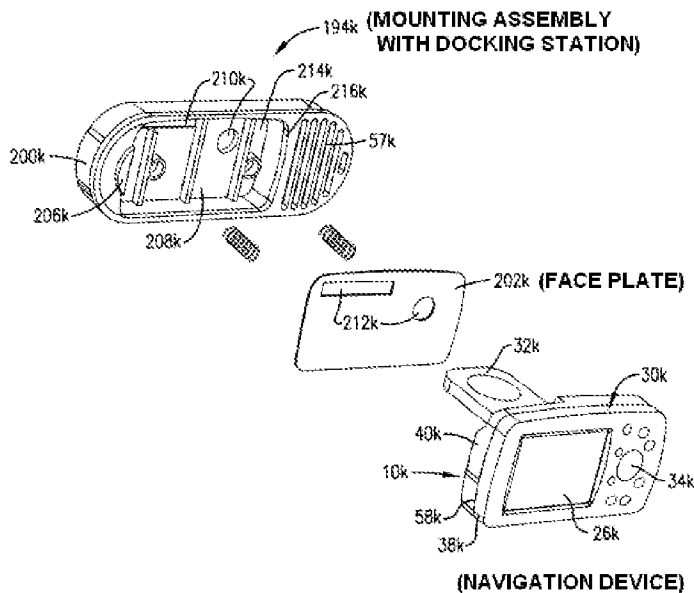
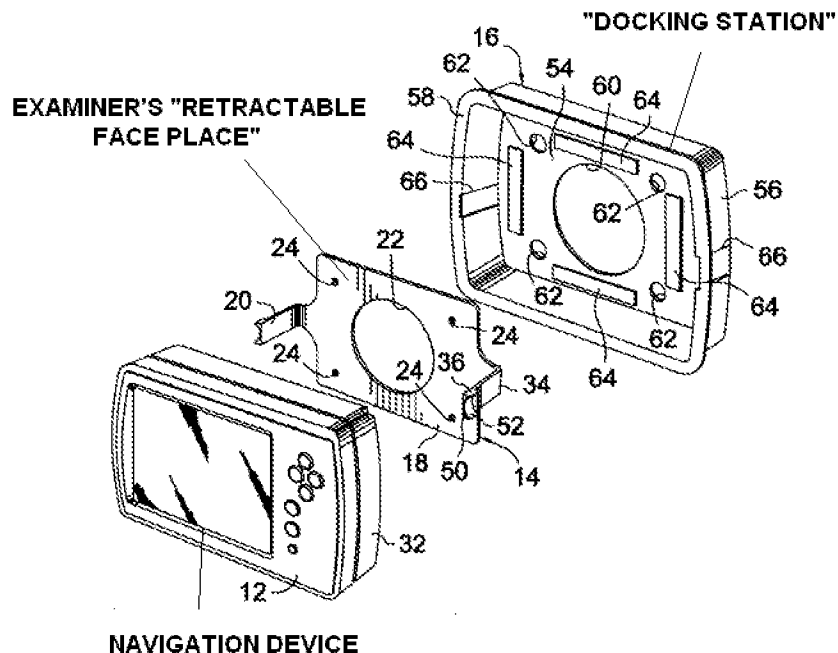


FIG. 22 (annotated)

A retractable face plate was previously recited in now-canceled dependent claims 4 and 27. In rejecting these now-canceled claims, the Examiner asserted that Schoenfish, FIG. 1, discloses the claimed docking station and retractable face plate. Schoenfish, FIG. 1, is reproduced below with annotations corresponding to the Examiner's assertions:



Schoenfish (FIG. 1 – annotated)

The Examiner does not explain how the alleged “face place 14” can function as a retractable face plate—e.g., a plate that can rotate, slide, or pivot to cover the docking station when the navigation device is not docked. Element 14 of FIG. 1 is actually a mount (4:4-15) that is removable from the cradle 16 (docking station). As the mount 14 secures the navigation device 12 to the cradle 16, it cannot “retract when the navigation device is received within the docking station” nor “extend when the navigation device is removed from the docking station” as is now recited in the independent claims.

The Examiner's other cited references, Sturt and the MEADE catalog, similarly do not disclose or suggest the claimed a retractable face plate. MEADE discloses a threaded adapter for a camera/telescope system and Sturt teaches a console system for mounting to the roof of a vehicle.

Sturt's console system includes hinged console doors (FIG. 4) but the system lacks the docking station recited in the independent claims. Thus, even if indiscriminately combined, the Examiner's combination of cited references does not disclose or suggest the features recited in the independent claims.

Dependent Claims 6 and 28

Dependent claims 6 and 28 recite that the *docking station* includes a speaker to provide audible instructions generated by the navigation device. Thus, instructions and other audible content may be generated by the *docking station's* speakers to supplement and/or replace the speakers that may be found on the navigation device.

The Examiner contends that Sturt discloses a docking station that may include a speaker (Office Action, pg. 8). Although the Examiner is correct that Sturt's overhead console can include a conventional audio/visual system, Sturt does not disclose or suggest a *docking station* with a speaker that can dock with a navigation device to play audio generated by the navigation device, as is now recited in claim 6 and 28. Thus, Sturt provides no evidentiary support that would teach one skilled in the art to include a speaker on Shoenfish's docking station 16.

As such, dependent claims 6 and 28 are additionally allowable for this reason.

Conclusion

Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 501-791. Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned should he have any questions.

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